

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-04-1
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO HOLD
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN ABEYANCE**

(Issued July 9, 2004)

On July 9, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), the Community Coalition for Rate Fairness (CCRF), Swiss Valley Farms Company (Swiss Valley), Maytag Corporation, the Iowa Consumers Coalition, the Mason-City Area Employers Group, Lakeside Casino Resort, and Deere & Company filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint motion to hold the procedural schedule in Docket No. RPU-04-1 in abeyance for all revenue requirement issues. The parties also requested a two-week suspension of the procedural schedule for all other issues. Under the current schedule, all parties except IPL are scheduled to file their direct testimony on July 16, 2004. The parties state that IPL, Consumer Advocate, the CCRF, and Swiss Valley will file a non-unanimous settlement agreement of revenue requirement issues with the Board on or before July 13, 2004.

While the Board's rules generally allow for 14 days to respond to a motion, unless the time is shortened by the Board, the Board will rule on this motion without

providing for responses because most of the parties have joined in the motion, the motion addresses filing deadlines and procedural matters only, and the current filing deadline is only one week away. The Board will grant the motion to hold the procedural schedule in abeyance on revenue requirement issues and to suspend the schedule for two weeks on all other issues. Testimony on non-revenue requirement issues will now be due on or before July 30, 2004. All other aspects of the procedural schedule issued April 13, 2004, including the hearing date, remain unchanged. The Board notes that the grant of this motion does not prejudice any party because all parties will have an opportunity to comment on the revenue requirement issues pursuant to the Board's settlement rules and testimony on all other issues is merely delayed two weeks.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Joint Motion to Hold Procedural Schedule in Abeyance" filed on July 9, 2004, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of July, 2004.